

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 - 19 is acknowledged. By the present amendment which accompanies the RCE, while most of the allowed claims 1 - 19 have been retained without amendment, some of the dependent claims have been amended, and new dependent claims have been presented reciting similar features and other features with dependency of some of the dependent claims being changed. That is, each of the allowed independent claims 1, 9 and 18 has been retained without amendment and most of the dependent claims have been retained without amendment other than the changes as apparent therefrom including changes of dependency. Thus, favorable action with respect to all claims presented, is respectfully requested.

Also, submitted herewith is an information disclosure statement and consideration of the documents are requested. It is noted that while US Patent No. 4,960,719 discloses a protective insulating layer, an amorphous silicon layer and a gate insulating layer on a gate wiring, such patent does not disclose existence of sealing material and a position of the sealing material in relation to the features as set forth in the independent and dependent claims of this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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Respectfully submitted,

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